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Upcoming Events at the Nabb Research Center

Summer 2004
"Eastern Shore Baseball Goes to the Majors"
A unique collection of cards, commemorative signed baseballs, and other memorabilia which trace Eastern Shore League and Shorebird minor league players to major league success will be on display until October 15, 2004.

Wednesday, October 13
"Nixon in Salisbury" Lecture
Dr. Dean Kotlowski of the Salisbury University History Department, will discuss Senator Richard M. Nixon's visit to Salisbury in October 1952. Nixon was the Republican Party's nominee for vice president and the brief stop was part of a "southern swing" through Virginia and Maryland. Beginning at 7 p.m., Kotlowski's talk is free and open to the public.

November 2004
"Late 19th Century Native American Photo History: Tracing the Provenance"
The exhibit which displays the works of several late 19th century photographers of Native Americans will run through February 2005.

All events will be held in the reading room of the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, located on the east campus of Salisbury University, Wayne Street, in the Power Professional Building, Room 190.

Native American Exhibit

The next featured exhibit, sponsored by the Nabb Research Center in collaboration with Salisbury University Cultural Affairs and Museum Programs, is "Late 19th Century Native American Photo History: Tracing the Provenance." The display will include a collection of photographs that were part of a donation to the Nabb Research Center by Wilcomb E. Washburn, Ph.D. who served as director of the Smithsonian Institution's Independent American Studies Program and curator of the Division of Political History at the National Museum. The original photographic works illustrate the blend of Western and Native American cultures that was occurring at this time. Portraits of some notable Native American personalities of the late 19th century such as Sitting Bull, Red Cloud and Geronimo, all of whom were involved in various Native American struggles for civil rights, will be displayed along with photographs of landscapes and Native American villages. The photographic editing practices demonstrated in the photographs suggest that, as with the written word, photographs can interpret a historic moment. The challenging process of identifying the portraits and the photographers inspired the overall theme of tracing the provenance.

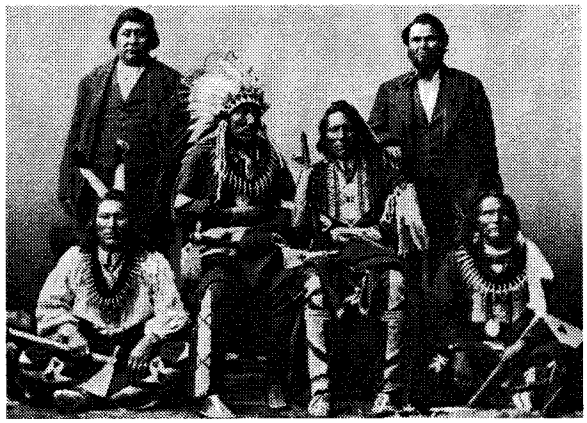

Photo from Wilcomb E. Washburn Collection at the Nabb Research Center

Request for Materials

Iris Powell, Nabb Center librarian, and Rebecca West, student intern, have worked throughout the summer preparing the Nabb Center's next exhibit. Powell and West would like to extend a request to the community for artifacts relating to Plains Indians, the focus of the photo history. The Center also intends to dedicate a section of the exhibit to local Woodland Indians, so artifacts representing these tribes would be most appreciated.

Artifacts on-loan, which will be housed in a locked glass cabinet for the duration of the exhibit, are needed soon as possible and will be displayed from November 2004 until February 2005. Owners will be acknowledged by a nameplate next to their respective item(s). Please consider sharing your invaluable historical objects with the Nabb Research Center and with the Delmarva community in this unique exhibit! Those interested should contact Iris Powell at 410-543-6312.

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Images of the Past: The Berlin Connection

The Calvin B. Taylor House, home of the Taylor House Museum, is currently presenting an exhibit which showcases the importance of Glen Riddle Farm to Berlin and, in turn, Delmarva history. Riddle Farm was home to Man O' War and War Admiral, famed racehorses of the 1930s, and Seabiscuit, the horse who was celebrated in the motion picture bearing the same name. Highlighted items from the exhibit include an original souvenir program from the November 1, 1938, Pimlico Race between Seabiscuit and War Admiral which took place in Baltimore and a newspaper clipping which contains a list of Berlin residents who attended the race. The exhibit opened in May and will continue until the beginning of 2005. The Taylor House Museum is open from Memorial Day until the end of October on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 1-4 p.m. Group tours are available by appointment. Admission is free, however, a $2 donation for adults is appreciated, as the museum is funded primarily by Berlin Heritage Foundation, memberships and grants for special projects. The administrator of the museum, Susan Taylor, shown here in front of a section of the exhibit, can be reached at 410-641-1019 or taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net. For more information about the Taylor House Museum visit their Web site: www.octhebeach.com/museum/Taylor.html.

Congratulations!

James Jensen, graduate student staff member, will be wed on Saturday, August 28, to Lynn Davis, University of Maryland Baltimore County graduate. Congratulations from all the staff and friends of the Nabb Center!

Postcard from Les Callette Collection at the Nabb Research Center